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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT REACTIONS TO ROUND FIVE OF CYPRUS TALKS

1. SUMMARY: GREEK CYPRIOT REACTIONS TO VIENNA TALKS HAS BEEN MIXTURE OF ADMIRATION FOR WALDHEIM'S EFFORTS WITH SKEPTICISM ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS AND TURKISH INTENTIONS. TURK CYPRIOTS, FULLY SHARING SKEPTICISM, TAKE "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES, COMMENTING TO AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 23 ON RESULTS OF FIFTH ROUND, REFLECTED RELIEF THAT SYG WALDHEIM HAD BEEN ABLE TO EXTRACT ENOUGH TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ALIVE. IN COMMON WITH MOST OTHER SOURCES, HOWEVER, CHRISTOPHIDES WAS SKEPTICAL THAT TURKS WOULD FULFILL THEIR PROMISE TO COME UP WITH A FIRM POSITION ON TERRITORY WITHIN THE SPECIFIED SIX WEEKS.
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HE NOTED THAT PREVIOUS TURKISH PROMISES ON THIS SCORE

HAD NOT BEEN MET AND FORESAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF
EARLY CHANGE IN DEMIREL'S INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION
TO WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TURKISH HESITANCY. END CONFIDENTIAL.

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS, VIENNA TALKS AND
RELATED DEVELOPMENT WERE THE MAJOR NEWS STORY IN PERIOD FEB-
RUARY 21-24. INITIAL TONE OF NEWS TREATMENT WAS
CAUTIOUSLY HOPEFUL BUT BY FEBRUARY 23 MOST NEWS STORIES
PLAYED UP VIENNA'S DISAPPOINTING RESULTS WITH EMPHASIS
ON COMBATIVE STATEMENTS BY INTERLOCUTORS. GOC CON-
TROLLED RADIO AND TV REPORTED PROMINENTLY ALL ASPECTS
OF TALKS BUT OFFERED NO COMMENTARY.

4. TYPICAL HEADLINES: FEBRUARY 21 HARAVGHI (COMMUNIST)
"NO PROGRESS ON SUBSTANCE YET"; SIMERINI (PRO-CLERIDES)
"WE'RE WHERE WE EXPECTED TO BE"; TA NEA (PRO-LYSSARIDES)
"ONLY AGREEMENT IS TO POSTPONE DEADLOCK." FEBRUARY 22:
MAKHI (PRO-ENOSIS) "SOLUTION NEAR"; AGHON (PRO-CLERIDES)
"DOUBTFUL PROGRESS." FEBRUARY 23 WEEKLY ALITHIA (PRO-
CLERIDES) "ANKARA USING TALKS TO PROMOTE OWN PLANS";
WEEKLY ANEXARTITOS (PRO-LYSSARIDES) "BRUSSELS WAS
MISTAKE." FEBRUARY 24 AGHON "DENKTASH EXPOSED"; TA NEA
"UN RESOLUTIONS IN DEEP FREEZE."

5. EDITORIAL COMMENT MOVED FROM SKEPTICISM FEBRUARY 21 TO
PESSIMISM FEBRUARY 24. FEBRUARY 21 HARAVGHI COMPLAINED
"TALKS SEEM TO STAY MARCHING IN PLACE"; MAKHI WROTE: "ALL
INDICATIONS ARE TURKS WENT TO VIENNA NOT TO NEGOTIATE A SOL-
UTION, BUT TO DESTROY THE TALKS BY LEADING THEM INTO
DEADLOCK"; SIMERINI APPLAUDED WALDHEIM'S "SUPERHUMAN
EFFORTS TO AVOID COLLAPSE OF TALKS...(WHICH IF HE
SUCCEEDS) IS PROGRESS"; AGHON DREW ATTENTION TO
"NEGATIVE AND INTRANSIGENT TURKISH ATTITUDE ON CYPRUS
AND TURKS' INTENTION TO USE TALKS TO MISLEAD INTERNATIONAL
PUBLIC OPINION." FEBRUARY 22 SIMERINI WARNED THAT A
"CRITICAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE RESULTS OF THE TALKS IS
SUPERFICIAL...NEXT FEW DAYS WILL CLARIFY WHAT WAS DIH-
CUSSED." FEBRUARY 23 ALITHIA COMPLAINED "FIFTH ROUND
HAS SIMPLY POSTPONED DEADLOCK UNTIL MAY."

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6. FEBRUARY 24 SIMERINI INSTRUCTED ITS READERS ON
"NEED FOR READJUSTMENT" IN THEIR THINKING ABOUT CYPRUS
PROBLEM NOW THAT VIENNA TALKS WERE OVER. PAPER SAID
LONG STRUGGLE NOW INEVITABLE POLICY FOR GREEK CYPRIOTS
BUT REJECTED "REGAINING OR RETURNING TO OUR TERRITORY
BY FORCE" AS NOT BEING IN LINE WITH POLICY AGREED UPON
WITH ATHENS. PHILELEFTHEROS (PAPER USUALLY REFLECTING
MAKARIOS' VIEWS) CHARACTERIZED VIENNA MEETINGS AS

SHOWING "NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" AND CONCLUDED "IT IS CLEAR THAT THE TURKISH ATTITUDE HAS NOT CHANGED. CONSEQUENTLY OUR STRUGGLE REMAINS A LONG-TERM ONE AND WE SHOULD FACE IT WITHOUT ANY ILLUSIONS."

7. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS. INITIAL TURK CYPRIOT REACTION TO ROUND FIVE IN VIENNA HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS, SKEPTICAL, BUT POSITIVE. PRESS COMMENT HAS BEEN LIMITED, PENDING DENKTASH'S RETURN, BUT FEBRUARY 24 COLUMN IN PRO-DENKTASH ZAMAN ACCURATELY REFLECTS PRESENT "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDES. COLUMN SEES TALKS' OUTCOME AS "GRATIFYING AND HOPEFUL" BUT FEARS THAT HOPES FOR A SOLUTION WILL BE DESTROYED BECAUSE MAKARIOS STILL LEADS GREEK CYPRIOTS, TALKS OF LONG STRUGGLE, AND REFUSES TO ABANDON ENOSIS. UNLESS MAKARIOS CHANGES HIS ATTITUDE -- AND THIS WILL BE CLEAR FROM THE PROPOSALS THE GREEKS WILL SUBMIT -- GOING TO VIENNA AGAIN WILL NOT BE WORTHWHILE. BUT "IF MAKARIOS CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO MEANINGFUL CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS, THE NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN MAY CAN BE OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE." COLUMN CONCLUDES THAT GREEK PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS MUST, BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS, MAKE MAKARIOS ACCEPT "CERTAIN REALITIES." END UNCLASSIFIED.
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